

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

No. However, if an exam would be mandatory, then the FDA should pay for it.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

I had a hearing test several years ago. Cause of my problem is nerve damage (exposure to loud noise). I feel that a hearing test every time I wish to replace an outdated or defective hearing aid would be an unnecessary and costly expense.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

No

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

Yes. I see no reason to deprive anyone from doing so.

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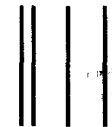
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